

## International Triathlon Union short-course world championship

HAMBURG, GERMANY  
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2, 2007  
1.5K S/40K B/10K R

### ELITE RESULTS

#### MEN

1. Daniel Unger (GER) 1:43:18
2. Javier Gomez (ESP) 1:43:22
3. Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) 1:43:35
4. Simon Whitfield (CAN) 1:43:40
5. William Clarke (GBR) 1:43:44
6. Jan Frodeno (GER) 1:43:57
7. Terenzo Bozzone (NZL) 1:44:04
8. Stuart Hayes (GBR) 1:44:07
9. Bevan Docherty (NZL) 1:44:22
10. Tim Don (GBR) 1:44:27

#### WOMEN

1. Vanessa Fernandes (POR) 1:53:27
2. Emma Snowsill (AUS) 1:54:31
3. Laura Bennett (USA) 1:54:37
4. Emma Moffatt (AUS) 1:54:54
5. Ricarda Lisk (GER) 1:54:59
6. Anja Dittmer (GER) 1:55:04
7. Magali DiMarco Messmer (SUI) 1:55:09
8. Joelle Franzmann (GER) 1:55:15
9. Jessica Harrison (FRA) 1:55:26

10. Sarah Haskins (USA) 1:55:27

#### U-23 MEN

1. Gregor Buchholz (GER) 1:49:31
2. Brendan Sexton (AUS) 1:49:33
3. Ivan Vasiliev (RUS) 1:49:40
4. Ritchie Nicholls (GBR) 1:49:44
5. Sebastian Rank (GER) 1:49:46

#### U-23 WOMEN

1. Lisa Norden (SWE) 2:01:24
2. Jasmine Oeinck (USA) 2:02:15
3. Renata Koch (HUN) 2:02:40
4. Rosie Clarke (GBR) 2:02:45
5. Anastasiya Yatsenko (RUS) 2:03:43

### AGE-GROUP RESULTS

#### OVERALL MEN

1. Ben Collins (USA 20-24) 1:57:16
2. Andrew Curtayne (NZL 20-24) 1:58:21
3. Stephen Sheldrake (NZL 30-34) 1:59:56
4. Sebastian Löhnert (GER 25-29) 2:00:47
5. Daniel Schmoll (GER 25-29) 2:00:55
6. Jesse Thomas (USA 25-29) 2:01:00
7. Ryan Cross (AUS 25-29) 2:01:08
8. Jemari Francis (AUS 20-24) 2:01:13
9. Iván Tejero (ESP 30-34) 2:01:18
10. Sean Donnelly (GER 20-24) 2:01:20

#### OVERALL WOMEN

1. Svenja Bazlen (GER 20-24) 2:14:14
2. Leah Larson (USA 20-24) 2:15:23
3. Katie Ellis (USA 20-24) 2:15:29
4. Rachel McBride (CAN 25-29) 2:15:32
5. Lotte Branigan (DEN 30-34) 2:15:33

6. Sophie Hawken (AUS) 2:15:48
7. Emma-Kate Lidbury (GBR 25-29) 2:15:50
8. Felicity Hart (GBR 25-29) 2:16:05
9. Sarah Crowley (AUS 20-24) 2:16:08
10. Katrin Esefeld (GER 25-29) 2:16:30

### U.S. AGE-GROUP MEDALS

#### GOLD

- W35-39: Alicia Parr (Durham, NC)
- W70-74: Gerry Fitch (West Chester, PA)
- W75-79: Molly Hayes (Bozeman, MT)
- M20-24: Ben Collins (Seattle, WA)
- M60-64: Steven Smith (Granger, IN)
- M75-79: Richard Robinson (Bonita, CA)
- M80+: Charley French (Ketchum, ID)

#### SILVER

- W20-24: Leah Larson (Boulder, CO)
- W45-49: Annie Carrino (Portola Valley, CA)
- W50-54: Donna Smyers (Adamant, VT)
- W60-64: Lauren Binder (Portland, OR)
- W65-69: Peggy McDowell-Cramer (Santa Monica, CA)
- M65-69: Patrick Wickens (Redondo Beach, CA)

#### BRONZE

- W18-19: Ashley Morgan (West Point, NY)
- W20-24: Katie Ellis (Phoenix, AZ)
- W30-34: Caroline Walden (Paradise Valley, AZ)
- W35-39: Stacey Richardson (Chapel Hill, NC)

- W65-69: Graciela Val (Evanston, IL)
- W70-74: Sheila Isaacs (Shoreham, NY)

### U.S. PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED MEDALS

#### GOLD

- Women's Above Knee Amputee: Sarah Reimertz (Mission Viejo, CA)
- Women's Below Knee Amputee: Amy Dodson (Adrian, MI)
- Women's Blind: Nancy Stevens (Glenwood Springs, CO)
- Women's Other: Beth Price (Head)
- Men's Below Knee Amputee: Paul Martin (Natick, MA)

- Men's Above Knee Amputee: Matt Perkins (Boise, ID)
- Men's Other: David Kyle (Athens, GA)

#### SILVER

- Women's Upper Extremity: Suzanne Elton (Decatur, GA)
- Women's Below Above Knee Amputee: Scout Bassett (Palm Desert, CA)
- Women's Blind: Crista Earl (Forest Hills, NY)

- Men's Above Knee Amputee: Jonathan Bik (Sacramento, CA)

#### BRONZE

- Men's Below Knee Amputee: Jeff Glasbrenner (Little Rock, AR)
- Men's Above Knee Amputee: David McGranahan (Sylvania, OH)

nored the signals and went out as hard as I could."

Fernandes, who has admitted, "Sometimes it's hard to be out front all the way," took her sweet time in transition, then swooshed by Bennett in her red Nike shoes one mile into the run. By the fourth lap, Snowsill had Bennett in her target range a few hundred yards ahead.

"When I saw Laura, I started stressing more," said Snowy. "I knew that even if I caught up to Laura, she is a phenomenal sprinter. At every Worlds title [I've won], I've been so happy to avoid engaging her in a sprint finish."

Bennett, a former collegiate swimmer at Southern Methodist University, transformed herself into one of the sport's best runners, taking down the great Michelle Jones for silver in a finish-line sprint at the 2003 ITU world championship in Queenstown, New Zealand. At the 2005 ITU world championship in Gamagori, Japan, Bennett held off Fernandes' charge for bronze. At Des Moines this June, Bennett blew away Annabel Luxford down the stretch to gain the biggest payout in ITU history.

"So, with 500 meters to go, I made sure to put in a surge so she wouldn't sprint by me at the end," said Snowsill. It worked, with a little bit of help from an upset stomach on Bennett's end.

"I had some gastric issues," explained the American. "If I had gone to another level at the end, I wasn't sure I could hold it together. In the end, this wasn't the race I am focusing on." It's Beijing for Bennett and the U.S. Olympic slot that has eluded her for seven years.

At the line, Snowy looked more like a prisoner of war than a silver medalist. But she'd arrived six seconds ahead of Bennett, who ran 34:20 for the 10km, fast enough to hold off Aussie Emma Moffatt by 17 seconds.

## U.S. national champion Collins takes age-group title

Current USA Triathlon age-group national champion Ben Collins of Seattle closed his amateur career with a devastating victory at the ITU age-group world championship. Collins turned pro the day following in the footsteps of 2006 Nationals-World triathlon winner, Marc Bonnet-Eymard of Winter Garden, Florida, who won the USAT national title in Kansas City before winning the triathlon crown in Lausanne and moving up into the pro ranks.

"This is the steppingstone I wanted before I turned pro," said Collins. "Hopefully, this is going to be the start of a great rookie season."

Collins' 1:57:16 finishing time bested fellow men's 20-24 age-group national champion Andrew Curtayne of New Zealand by one minute, five seconds. Collins' best-in-category 18:57 swim established a 45-second cushion over Curtayne, but it was his blazing 58:41 bike that won the day. The young pre-med student, giving him a 1:45 cushion over Curtayne, who gained back one minute, 20 seconds from Collins' victory in a category 33-minute 10km.

Leah Larson of Boulder, Colorado, finished second in the women's 20-24 age group, nine seconds behind fellow women's 20-24 age-group national champion Svenja Bazlen of Germany. Larson was joined in the top three by Katie Ellis of Phoenix, who won third overall place and the 20-24 age group.

In total, Team USA took home 16 gold, 10 silver and 10 bronze medals on a cool day in the beautiful city of Hamburg. The race featured nearly 2,500 athletes representing more than 50 countries. It was the first-ever drug-tested race of significance for amateurs.

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